

Lewis' Great Reserve at Strength Saved His Crown, Says Coach Schmidt, Referee

'STRANGLER' ALMOST LOST TITLE BY POOR DEFENSE IN 1ST FALL

Delay in Supreme Effort to Break Scissors Proved Fatal in Opening Lap, But Champion Changed Tactics Next Time—Schmidt's Analysis of Match Shows it Was Typical of Lewis' System of Letting Opponent Wear Himself Out in Early Stages.

By R. R. BRIDGEWATER.

"Strangler" Lewis' immense reserve strength and his remarkable recuperative powers were the deciding factors in his victory over the brilliant young challenger for the heavyweight wrestling title, Cliff Binckley, at McNulty baseball park Friday night.

This was the view of the match expressed yesterday by Coach Francis A. Schmidt of Tulsa university who officiated as referee and who, being in the ring and close up on every move of the contestants, should know more about the struggle than anyone else.

Lewis' Recuperation Remarkable.

"The thing that impressed me most," said Coach Schmidt, "was that Lewis, after losing the first fall in an hour and a half of terrific action, and after being in an unusual and highly distressing position during the last 10 minutes of this period, was able to come back 20 minutes later, considerably fresher than the younger opponent. It was very evident that he had profited more than his opponent by the rest period."

Lewis' Coach Schmidt continued, "had been using every ounce of his strength, calling upon every bit of his resistance, during the last 10 minutes of the battle for the first fall while in the grip of Binckley's body scissors and arm lock. When Binckley got the combination scissors and arm hold Lewis evidently decided to rest a few minutes and get his wind back. He bridged, managing to keep his left shoulder an inch or so from the mat. I think he waited too long before making his supreme effort to get free. Instead of profiting by the rest he had become weakened because of the strained position. Then he started flopping and kicking and throwing his body this way and that. Finally he contrived to release himself, but immediately he fell into another hold just like he had just broken. This time he was unable to break it. "Lewis was greatly weakened and very tired when he left the ring. Then he came back, fresh as a daisy."

Binckley's Big Chance.

"Binckley's great chance to win the second fall and the championship came within five minutes after they started work. The second time, almost kicking and throwing his body this way and that. Finally he contrived to release himself, but immediately he fell into another hold just like he had just broken. This time he was unable to break it. "Lewis was greatly weakened and very tired when he left the ring. Then he came back, fresh as a daisy."

Hard Match for Cliff.

Binckley expects to have his hands full when he takes on the Kansas giant, Eustace, a brawny young Sunflower farmer who stands four inches above the six-foot mark and runs the scales up to the 240-pound notch any time he climbs aboard. He has a sensation in all his matches so far, appearing generally in the first section of doubleheader cardinals. He has thrown most of the trial horses off the heavyweight list but as yet has not had a fling at any of the top-notchers save old man Zbyzsko and Eustace. Binckley is a single time, proposing to throw the pair of them one after the other within the space of 90 minutes. Eustace took on Daviscourt first and managed to take a half hour in the hour. In the half hour remaining, however, he could do nothing with Binckley. In fact the fresh Binckley is reported to have had Eustace continually on the defensive while they were on the mat. Of course Eustace didn't win the handicap, but he got a lot of favorable mention because he was able to throw Daviscourt and Binckley in a single night.

No Worse for Wear.

Binckley Saturday seemed little the worse for the severe punishment he took Friday night in the last two falls of his match with Champion Lewis.

"My neck still feels rather uncomfortable," said Binckley, "but aside from that I can't complain. My arm, O, it's alright today, but believe me, it was in a bad way last night."

Binckley was referring to his right arm which Lewis almost paralyzed with an arm lock and wrist hold just before he clamped on the flying headlock that gave him the second fall and practically won the Ohio contender's title.

Binckley said it was hard to explain just how an opponent of Lewis suffers when the Strangler gets a flying headlock and carries his adversary over his head. It is for the crushing force on the head that does the damage, he pointed out, so much as sudden and terrific strain on the neck when the Strangler hurls his victim to the mat with his 235 pounds of beef and brawn on top.

Though defeated by Lewis, Binckley is by no means discouraged. He realizes that his experience in the professional ranks has been rather limited, and believes that with a few more months behind him he will have a good chance to wrest the title from the champion. He is still firmly convinced that the time will come when he will be king of all heavyweight grapplers.

Heads Win.

HENRYETTA, June 3.—Fort Smith played a loose game today and Henryetta won a 3 to 2 victory for Henryetta and Hinkle for the Twins got home runs.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Fort Smith—001 100 010—3 11 4 Henryetta—101 114 009—12 2 5 Batteries—Munger, Carroll and Hasley; Adkins and Miner.

NEW YORK, June 3.—Mrs. Mary Virginia Terhune, who wrote under the name of "Marjorie Harland" died at her home in this city last night after a short illness. Although she wrote a number of novels, she was perhaps best known as the author of numerous cook books and volumes on etiquette.

That Lewis almost invariably wins the second fall—and the

JESS WILLARD



By ROBERT EDGREN.

I expected to find Jess Willard surrounded by a training staff and ready to shoot out a lot of information about what he expects to do to Jack Dempsey along in September. Arriving in Los Angeles early in the morning I found that no one in town knew Willard was there. He hadn't visited the newspaper offices. There was a rumor that someone had seen him on the street, but that was generally discredited. It took four hours of trailing to locate him on the outskirts of the town down in the newest part of the Wilshire district. I rang the bell. The front door opened and there stood Jess, filling the doorway from side to side and nearly bumping his head on the lintel. Jess looked just about as usual. He wasn't fat, but he was at least plump, and his face was round and smiling. As I stepped in there was none of the familiar training camp smell about the place—no mixture of arnice and witchhazel and acrid odor of sweaty woollens and sodden gloves. There was no punching bag lying in the corner. No photos of Jess in fighting trunks decorated the mantelpiece. Instead of the usual coterie of young huskies with bent noses and overhanging brows I found only Mrs. Willard and the five little Willards—or at least those who weren't in school.

"Don't look as if you've been training very hard, Jess?" I suggested.

"Training?" said Willard. "What for? Why that fight with Dempsey in September. I see you've been challenging him."

News to Him.

Jess leaned back in his chair and laughed comfortably.

"Have I?" he chuckled. "Well, that's news to me. There's been a little talk about making a match with Dempsey, but I'm not thinking seriously of fighting him again. Tex Rickard has been wiring me about it, and I've sent him a message or two, but I haven't agreed to anything. Tex has a notion in his mind that I can beat Dempsey any time I'll train, and he wants me to do it. He gets after me every once in a while. But I don't know whether I want to box Jack again or not. It would mean a lot of hard work. I'm in good health and I go out and do a little road work now and then just to keep in shape, but not with any idea of fighting again. I'm so out of touch with sport that I hardly know what's going on in the ring nowadays. I don't say I won't meet Dempsey again, but I'm not considering the possibility of it seriously at all."

Letting ready to fight for the championship again would take a lot of time. I would need seven or eight months of hard training to get into shape to do my best. I can't afford to give so much time to it."

"I don't think that I'd care to go back to the ring even if I was sure of beating Dempsey. I'm in a much bigger game. I have some pretty good oil fields developing back in Kansas—haven't put down a dry well yet. It's a risky business and you can make or lose a lot of money in it, but I've been lucky. I'm in it as a straight business proposition. Haven't any stock to sell. I've had a lot of people after me to lend my name to stock selling schemes, but I won't have anything to do with that sort of business. It's bad stuff—letting your reputation be used to get money out of people who believe in you, and who worked hard for their money and can't afford to throw it away. I'm developing oil fields to make money by selling the oil, and it keeps me busy. I'll have a few weeks here with my family and then I'll have to go back to the oil fields again for a while. In time I expect to make my home here in California. It's the finest place in the world for the youngsters to grow up in."

"Yes," said Willard, "a world's champion can make a lot of money. But I like business better than I ever liked fighting."

What He Thinks of Dempsey.

"Do I think I could beat Dempsey? Well, I don't want to say anything that might seem to take away any credit belonging to Dempsey, but if I ever fight him again I'll expect to win. Winning in the ring depends a lot on the state of mind. I would expect to win, and if I fought him again I'd have seven or eight months of hard work behind

BUD LOGAN WILL LAND IN TULSA MONDAY FOR BOUT

Scrappers to Begin Training Tomorrow in T. A. C. Gym

Bud Logan, who meets Cowboy Padgett at McNulty park Friday night in the main bout of the Joe Carson Athletic club's 34-round boxing program, will arrive in Tulsa bright and early tomorrow morning to begin his training for the big scrap.

Both Logan and Alvis' cowboy will be in their intensive training in the T. A. C. gym in the basement of the Terminal hotel building at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. It was announced last night. Salor Clickner, who meets Curley Smith, on July 4 at Hominy, in one of the stellar attractions for the Hominy Frontier day program will train with the cowboy while sparring partners will be brought in to work with Logan.

Managers reported last night that the scrappers were in condition and that a few days in the ring would bring them up to form. The lady will go through their paces strong Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday they will let up and merely go through limbering-up exercises.

It was announced last night that new lighting arrangements were being made and the stage will be as light as day when the fighters crawl through the ropes. A large come is being erected above the ring and will throw a flood of light over the entire ring. It will be high enough to be out of line of vision from all parts of the stand.

Jimmy Fitzsimmons of Ft. Smith, champion of the featherweight championship of the southwest, has been signed for the semi-final bout which will probably be with Roy Fleher or some other sterling lad.

In all, fight fans will be given their money's worth with 34 rounds of boxing. The Legion announced last night that the seats would be placed on sale this week at the popular prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.50.

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Boxing World Quiet on Eve Of Several Important Bouts

Britton-Leonard Scrap Looms Up as First Cham-pion Go

Important Boxing Bouts This Week

June 5—Billy Britton vs. Jerry Cole, 10 rounds, in Springfield, Mo.

June 6—Johnny Dundee vs. Johnny Shugrue, 15 rounds, in New York.

June 7—Bob Martin vs. Joe Burke, 10 rounds, in Columbus, Pa.

June 8—Kid Fanchak vs. Kid Moore, 10 rounds, in San Antonio.

June 9—Dick Griffin vs. James White, 10 rounds, in Fort Worth, Tex.

June 10—Bryan Downey vs. Frank Carter, 10 rounds, in New Orleans.

June 11—Ray Long vs. Cowboy Padgett, 10 rounds, in Tulsa.

June 12—Jerry McHugh vs. Gene Tremaine, 10 rounds, in Buffalo.

By EDWARD W. COCHRANE.

Every year there is a certain lull between seasons in the boxing game and that lull is at hand. Before another week rolls around there will be something definite regarding several championship battles that are to be fought this season, which will furnish little followers with some of the best matches staged in years and settle some disputes of long standing, but these matches are a little ways off. They are:

Jack Britton and Benny Leonard in Jersey City June 23 for the lightweight championship of the world.

Harry Greb and Georges Carpentier for the light heavyweight championship to be fought in New York or New Jersey in July or Labor day.

Jack Dempsey against the best man the promoters can pick who will suit the public and Dempsey.

Easy One for Champion.

It isn't going to be easy to suit the public and Dempsey. The champion seems to want to fight Georges Carpentier again and he may go to Europe for such a fight. The English and French fight fans have been smoked up to this match through the Frenchman's easy victories over some heavyweights on the other side of the big ditch and his quick win over Red Lewis, a little heavyweight who was not even capable of holding the throne in that division. They believe Georges might have a chance under English boxing rules and as long as they entertain such a belief it may be just as well for the champion to cross the Atlantic again and relieve them of their currency.

The best battle we know of is a meeting between Greb and Carpentier. The American has just annexed the light-heavyweight title of this country by a decision over Gene Tunney and is anxious to fight Carpentier for the world's title. Having

whipped both Tommy Gibbons and Tunney, Greb feels as do his many followers that he can beat the French pugilistic idol.

Carpenter's Defense Work.

Greb would not have to be at as big a disadvantage in weight as he

usually is and he can hit Carpenter just as hard and just as often as he has the others. The Frenchman is known to have a weak defense and such a fighter is easy for the Pittsburgh "windmill" Carpenter might be more dangerous than Tunney. But he would have to be a lot more dangerous to be able to beat off the light-heavyweight throne.

The proposed contest between Jack Britton and Benny Leonard, which really is scheduled now, will be highly interesting because of the fact that it is between champions of two divisions. Few champions have gone out of their own weight class and won other titles, but this case is a bit different from the rest. Leonard has grown out of the lightweight class to such an extent that it is very difficult for him to make 135 pounds. Against Britton he will weigh well above 140 and Britton will weigh about 147. Thus the weight handicap will not amount to much, if anything.

Leonard believes he can whip Britton, who is well beyond the age when boxers are at their best. He thinks the time is coming when some good fighter will release Britton of his laurels. That time may have arrived.

Martin May Make Good.

There are very few bouts of importance this week. Possibly the best will bring Bob Martin, a E. F. heavyweight champion, and Joe Burke together in a return battle in Columbus. It will be recalled that Burke substituted for another fight against Martin a short time ago and handed the Jimmy Bronson entry in the heavyweight stakes, quite a loss. This was a distinct surprise. But it put Martin in a very embarrassing position. He had issued a challenge to Dempsey.

Johnny Dundee bumped into trouble when he met Johnny Shugrue a short time ago and lost a decision. He is going to meet him again this week to try to wipe out the black mark on his record. Dundee is a persistent challenger of Leonard and Kilbane. But he will not look good against either man if he cannot whip Shugrue.

U. S. Navy Wins

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The American navy triumphed over the British navy today when the crew of the English cruiser Raleigh, anchored in the Potomac, was defeated by the crew of the United States gunship Delaware in a two-mile race. The Raleigh, the Delaware's cutter crossed the finishing line, six lengths separated her from the English sailors.

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